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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/696,896	JUNG ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
	Gordon J. Stock	2877	

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment filed 3/4/05.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,3 and 4.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 07 September 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other <u>PTOL-413B</u> . |

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Attorney Steven Laut on March 15, 2005. Specifically, claim 1 will be amended to correct a possible objection due to lack of antecedent basis and claim 3 will be amended to clarify the amount of output ports of the optical coupler. Please refer to attached PTOL-413B.

The amended claims are as follows:

1.(Currently amended) An optical alignment apparatus using visible light source and images, comprising:

- a first light source for providing light of a visible wavelength range to perform optical alignment;

- a second light source providing light of an infrared wavelength range;

- a micrometer stage for aligning the light outputted from the first light source or the second light source with an active area of a detector;

- a lensed fiber connected to the micrometer stage, for inputting light into the active area of the detector;

- an optical alignment confirming means for visually confirming whether the light outputted from the lensed fiber is aligned with the active area of the detector;

an image information acquiring means connected to the optical alignment confirming means, for acquiring image information;

a control means for operating the micrometer stage based on the image information acquired by the image information acquiring means to perform optical alignment;

an optical coupler for connecting the first light source and the second light source simultaneously and outputting light to ~~[[the]]~~ a first output port and ~~[[the]]~~ a second output port of the optical coupler in a predetermined proportion; and

an optical intensity supervising means for controlling optical intensity of light inputted to the active area of the detector by being connected with the optical coupler's output port which is not connected with the detector;

wherein the control means includes the micrometer stage to compensate a difference in distances to a beam waist, the difference being generated by different wavelengths of the first light source and the second light source.

3.(Currently amended) The optical alignment apparatus as recited in claim 1, wherein the optical coupler includes a first input port~~[[,]]~~ and a second input port~~[[,]]~~ ~~a first output port and a second output port.~~

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 1, 3, and 4** are allowed.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

As to **claim 1**, the prior art of record, taken alone or in combination, fails to disclose or render obvious in an optical alignment apparatus the control means providing compensation for a

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difference in distances to a beam waist, in combination with the rest of the limitations of **claims 1, 3, and 4.**

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments, see Remarks, filed March 4, 2005, with respect to the previous rejection of action of December 1, 2004 have been fully considered and are persuasive. Due to the persuasiveness of the arguments and the amendment to the claims the previous rejection has been withdrawn.

Fax/Telephone Numbers

If the applicant wishes to send a fax dealing with either a proposed amendment or a discussion with a phone interview, then the fax should:

1) Contain either a statement "DRAFT" or "PROPOSED AMENDMENT" on the fax cover sheet; and

2) Should be unsigned by the attorney or agent.

This will ensure that it will not be entered into the case and will be forwarded to the examiner as quickly as possible.

Papers related to the application may be submitted to Group 2800 by Fax transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 2800 via the PTO Fax machine located in Crystal Plaza 4. The form of such papers must conform to the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The CP4 Fax Machine number is: (703) 872-9306

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Gordon J. Stock whose telephone number is (571) 272-2431.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Gregory J. Toatley, Jr., can be reached at 571-272-2800 ext 77.

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